

**NORTH SMITHFIELD  
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**September 7, 2006**

**KENDALL DEAN**

**5:30 PM**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Present: David Chamberland, Paul Vadenais, Jane Biron, Paul Nordstrom, Stephen Lindberg, and Scott Majeau.**

**Others Present: Robert Lowe, David Silva, Steve Hughes, Bob Gervasini, David DeQuattro, Jeffrey Nemecek, and Stephen Maceroni**

**Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm by P. Vadenais. Following roll call, the Committee minutes for August 17, 2006, were provided, reviewed. On motion by P. Nordstrom and seconded by S. Lindberg, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes.**

**Gilbane provided Requisition Number 1 for payment approval. The requisition was for \$ 89,108. Upon motion by D. Chamberland and seconded by S. Lindberg, the Committee unanimously voted to**

**recommend to the Finance Director the requisition be paid.**

**Attorney Joseph Reale provided an invoice dated September 1, 2006 for payment for various Building Committee legal services. The invoice amount was \$ 755.41. Upon motion by D. Chamberland and seconded by S. Lindberg, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Finance Director the requisition be paid.**

**The next order of business was to discuss Gilbane's Letter of Intent. D. Chamberland stated a corrected copy is required by J. Reale prior to approval. R. Fagnoli, who was away on vacation, has the final copy that waives the interest provision as discussed. Additional time is necessary due to R. Fagnoli's absence**

**Next order of business was an explanation and over view of the bonding process presented by Stephen Maceroni and Jeffrey Nemeck. It was explained that approximately \$ 4.1 million remained from the 1999 Bond initially passed to build the Kendall Dean School addition. These amounts could be borrowed by the Town to begin funding Phase I of the construction versus immediately bonding or issuing bond anticipation notes, either in whole or in part, the amount necessary and allowed by the Middle School Building Bond.**

**D. Chamberland requested S. Maceroni provide a written recommendation, with various options, to the Building Committee for financing the building project. These written narratives are to be**

**provided for the September 21, 2006 meeting.**

**The next order of business was an update of Phase 1 status by Gilbane / RGB. A review of the bus queuing location, elevation issues, and expected parking spaces was discussed. Consideration of building ramps v/s staircases from the High School to the bus queuing location was given. It was explained that the ramps are not possible due to the elevation differences / requirements for both the middle school and the front parking lot. Additional discussion regarding foot traffic on the staircase and handicap accessibility issues followed.**

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**Next topic discussed was in regards to the Middle School kitchen and the High School kitchen where the discussion focused on the expectations and shot-comings of each. It was decided that because of lack of accessibility / adequacy of a loading dock for the Middle School, the High School kitchen will remain the server for the 2 other**

**elementary schools. David DeQuattro suggested that the next School Building Committee meeting agenda include discussion regarding the hiring of an outside party / consultant to discuss possible remodeling for the High School kitchen to maximize efficiency.**

**Discussion continued with Gilbane offering to use either 1) Block & Plank construction versus Steel Frame construction. D .Chamberland requested that Gilbane prepare and provide a cost analysis for Steel versus Block & Plank**

**Gilbane provided schematics of the Middle School with S. Lindberg to distribute to the school committee.**

**Gilbane will have bid packages out the week of September 11, 2006 for the parking lot. The bids will be due September 28, 2006. Concern over whether the required RI DOT and RI DEM approvals will be received in time to begin the Phase I project on schedule, which is currently the middle of October. If approvals are not received timely, Phase I construction will need to be postponed until spring due to the asphalt suppliers seasonal shut down.**

**Next order of business was the hiring of a Clerk/Secretary. S. Lindberg stated he posted the position within the Town and had 1 candidate that was interviewed. Upon motion by S. Lindberg and seconded by D. Chamberland, Jen Bradley was recommended; the Committee unanimously voted to recommend Jen Bradley to the paid**

**position of Clerk/Secretary.**

**At 7:00 pm, D. Chamberland motioned and S. Lindberg seconded that the Committee move to Executive Session as per RIGL 42-46-5(a)5.**

**At 7:16, Executive Session closed.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2006 at 5:30 to be held at Kendall Dean. At that time, bonding recommendations are expected from First SouthWest and Gilbane is to provide a corrected cash flow schedule.**

**D. Chamblerland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm**